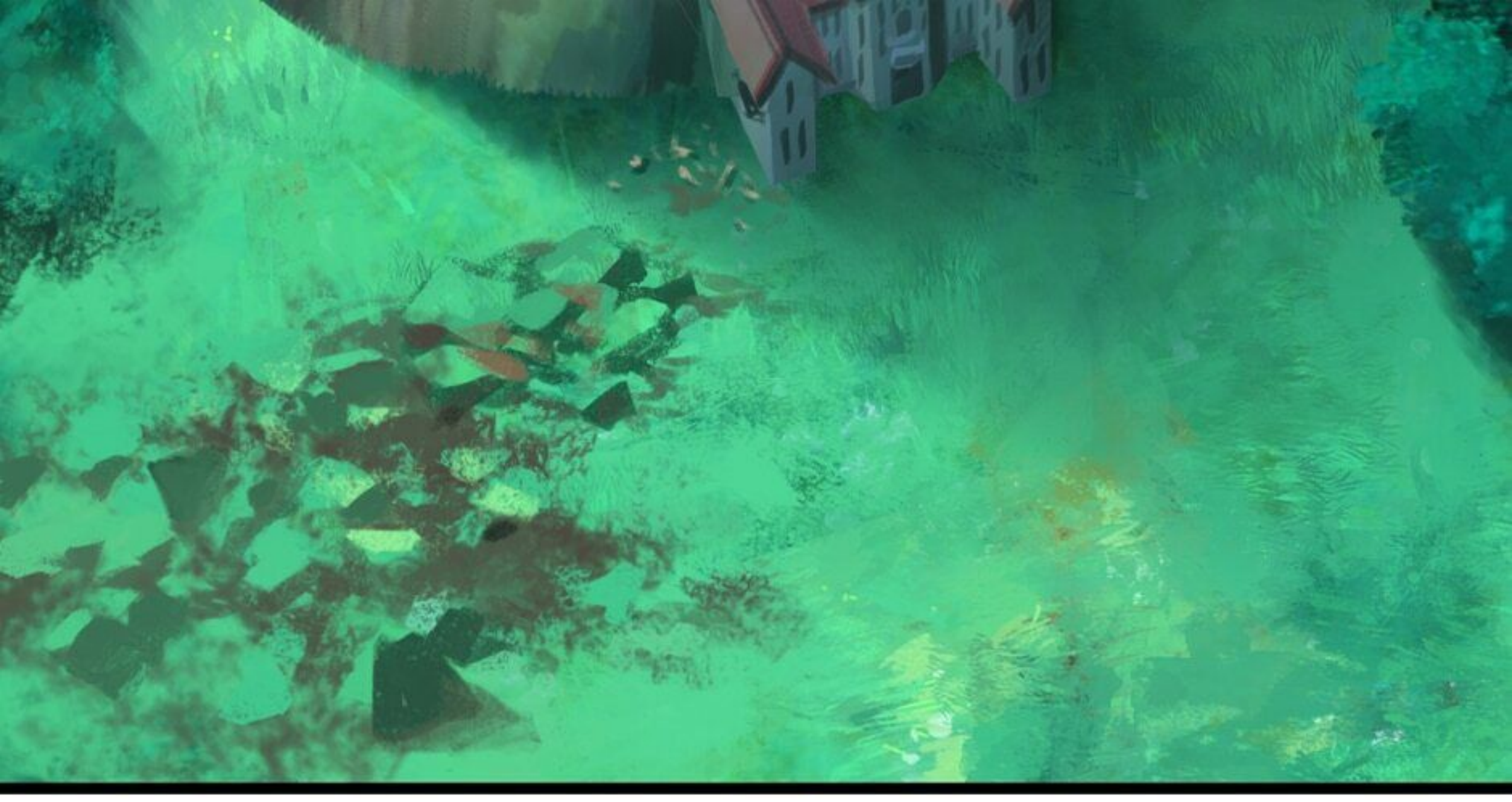


THANKS TO YOUR KI... I MEAN, CPR, I CAME BACK TO MYSELF.
SO... THANKS. I GUESS...
TMP

TMP
ARE YOU STILL THINKING ABOUT THAT?
STAY FOCUSED.
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THE MOTHER-MONSTER HAS RESURRECTED AGAIN

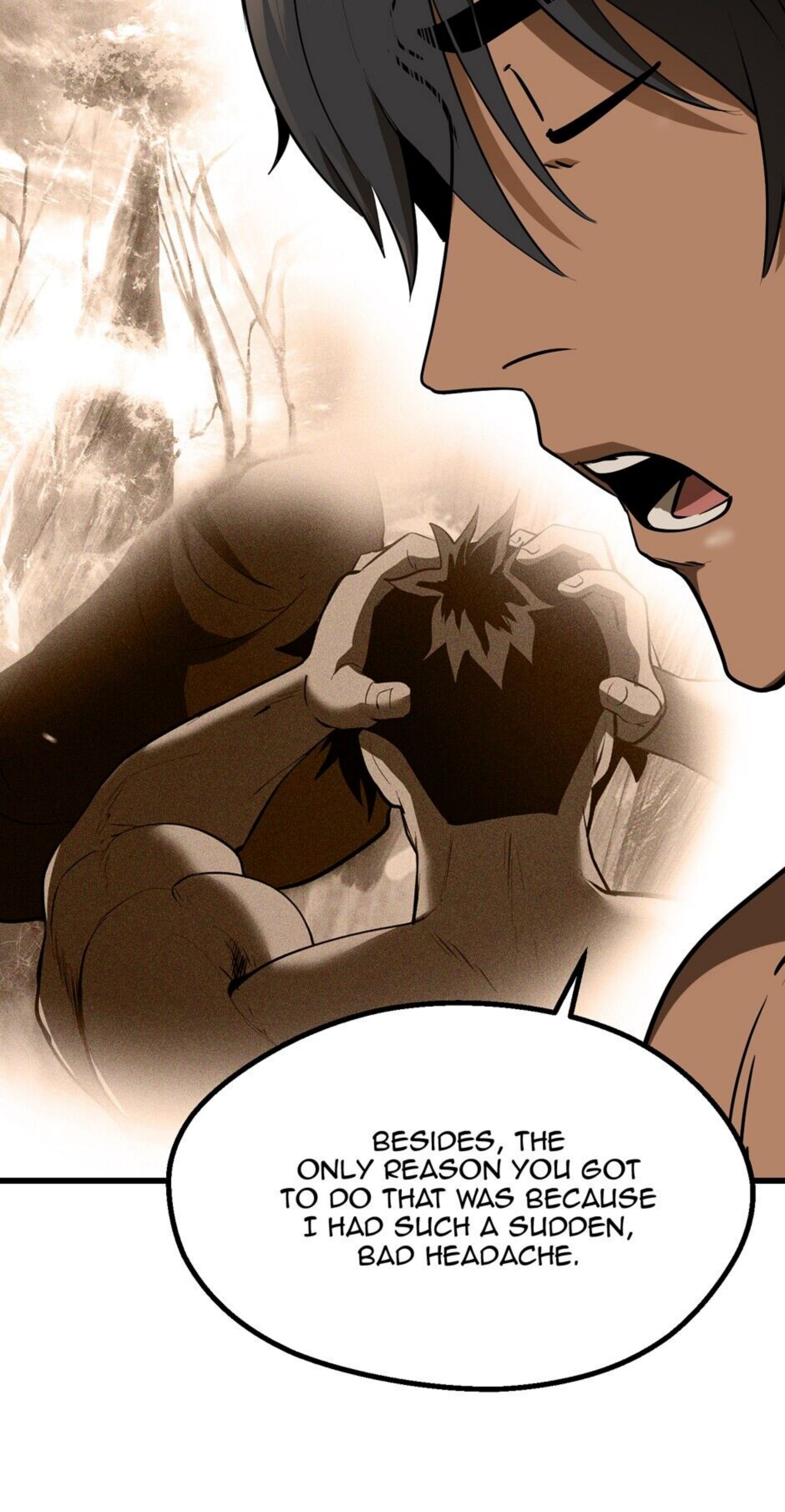
RESURRECTED AGAIN.
AND...

THAT WAS THE FINAL, LAST-CHANCE, I-HAD-NO-CHOICE-BUT-TO-TRY OPTION, WHICH I ABSOLUTELY DID NOT WANT TO TRY.
HAH! LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID THAT TO ME!

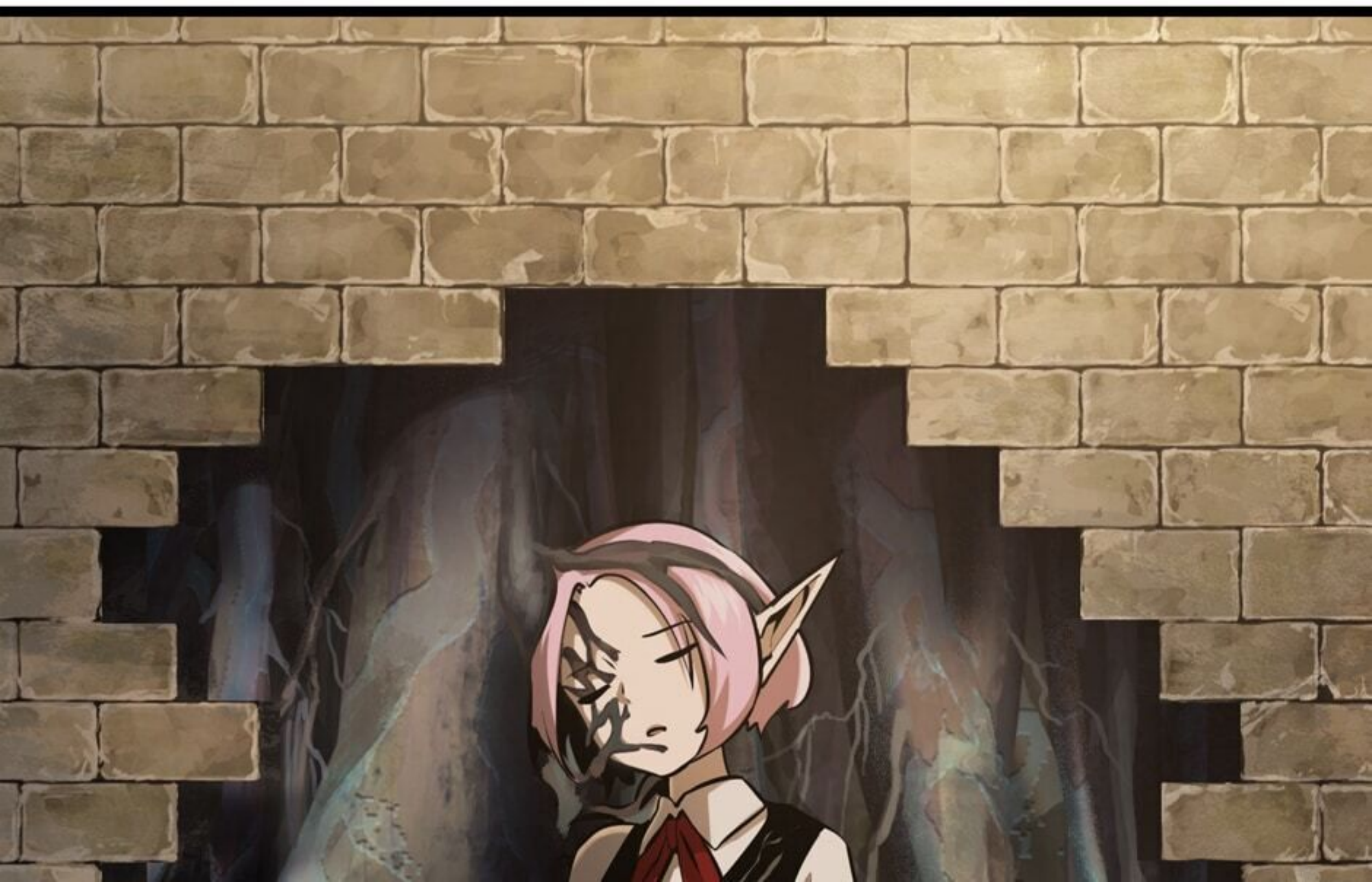
IF, BY CHANCE, YOU'RE PLANNING ON TRYING THE SAME ON ARTIS OR EPHYR—

I'M NOT!!

IT WON'T WORK ON THEM ANYWAY.

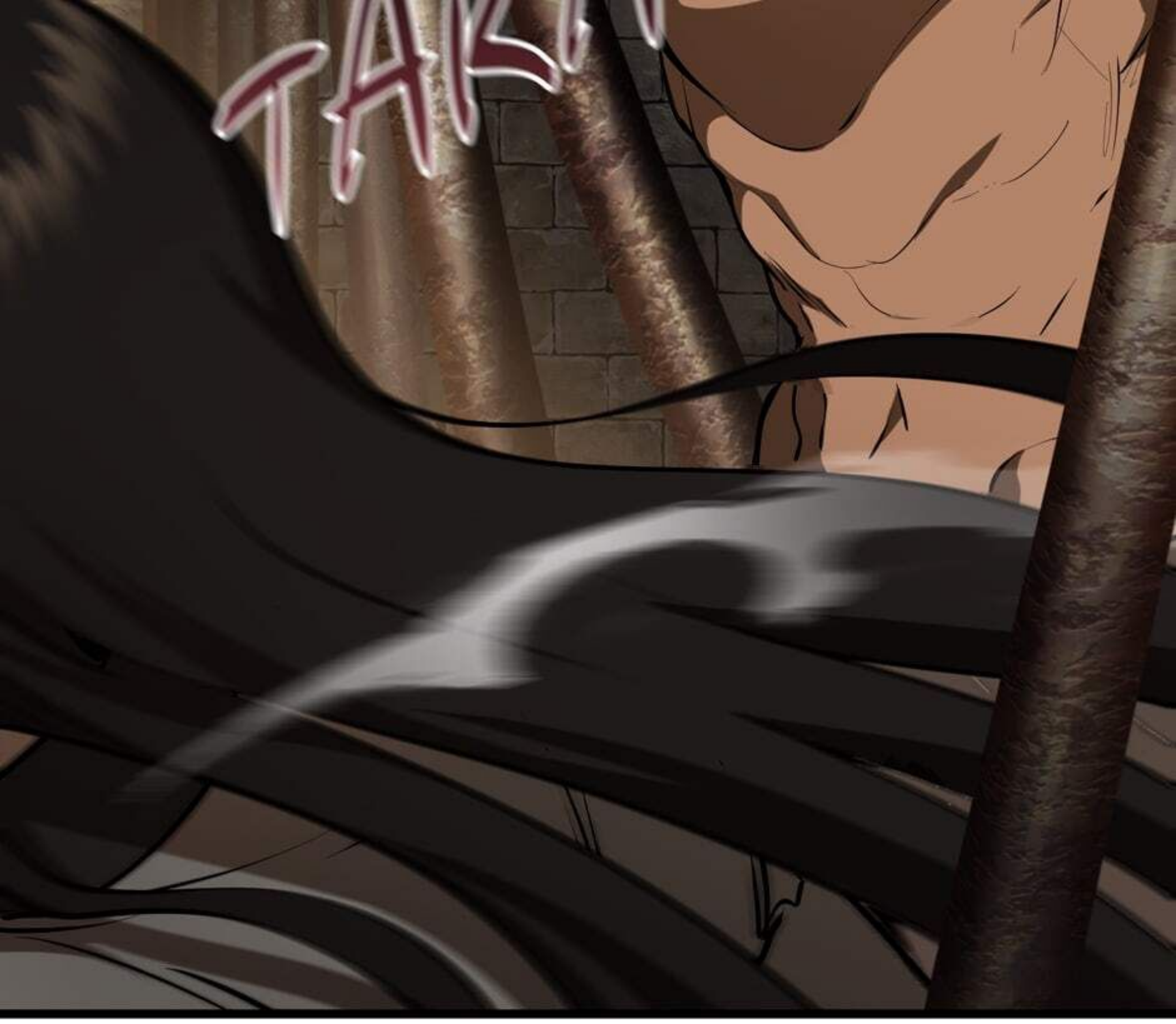

BESIDES, THE ONLY REASON YOU GOT TO DO THAT WAS BECAUSE I HAD SUCH A SUDDEN, BAD HEADACHE.

I'M NOT SURE WHERE THAT HEADACHE CAME FROM, BUT...



KIBIER...
YOU'RE ALIVE...

RAONDEL?!
KRRRK
AGA


TAKI

VWOOMP

SKULK

I'M... GLAD...

PLOP

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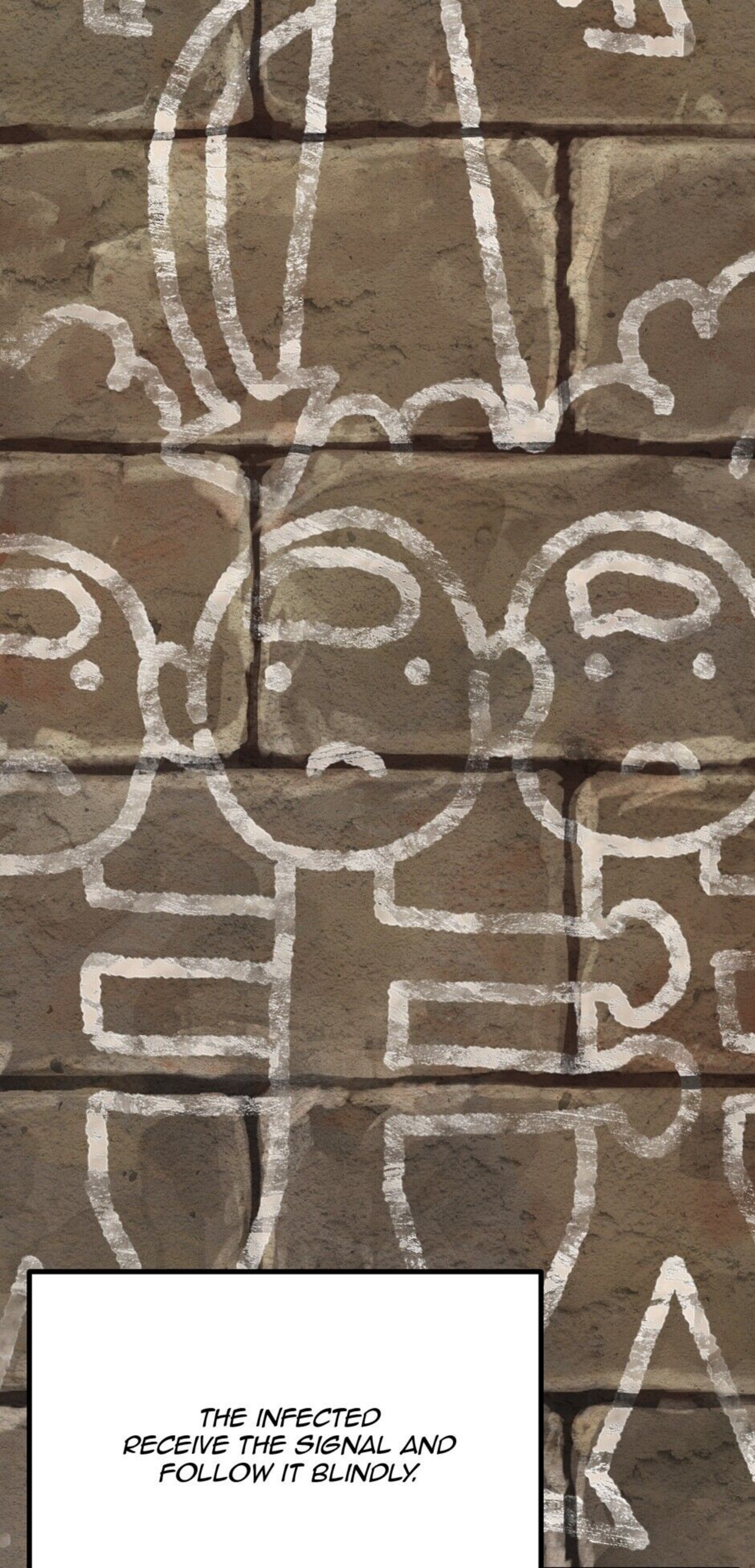
WHAT'S CONTROLLING EVERYONE IS THE SIGNAL THAT COMES FROM THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS.


THE INFECTED
RECEIVE THE SIGNAL AND
FOLLOW IT BLINDLY.

THAT MONSTER'S BEEN USING THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS FOR HER OWN GAIN,

AND HER MAIN BODY IS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE UNDERGROUND AMONG THE ROOTS.

WE MUST KILL THAT MONSTER'S MAIN BODY IN ORDER TO FREE THE PEOPLE,

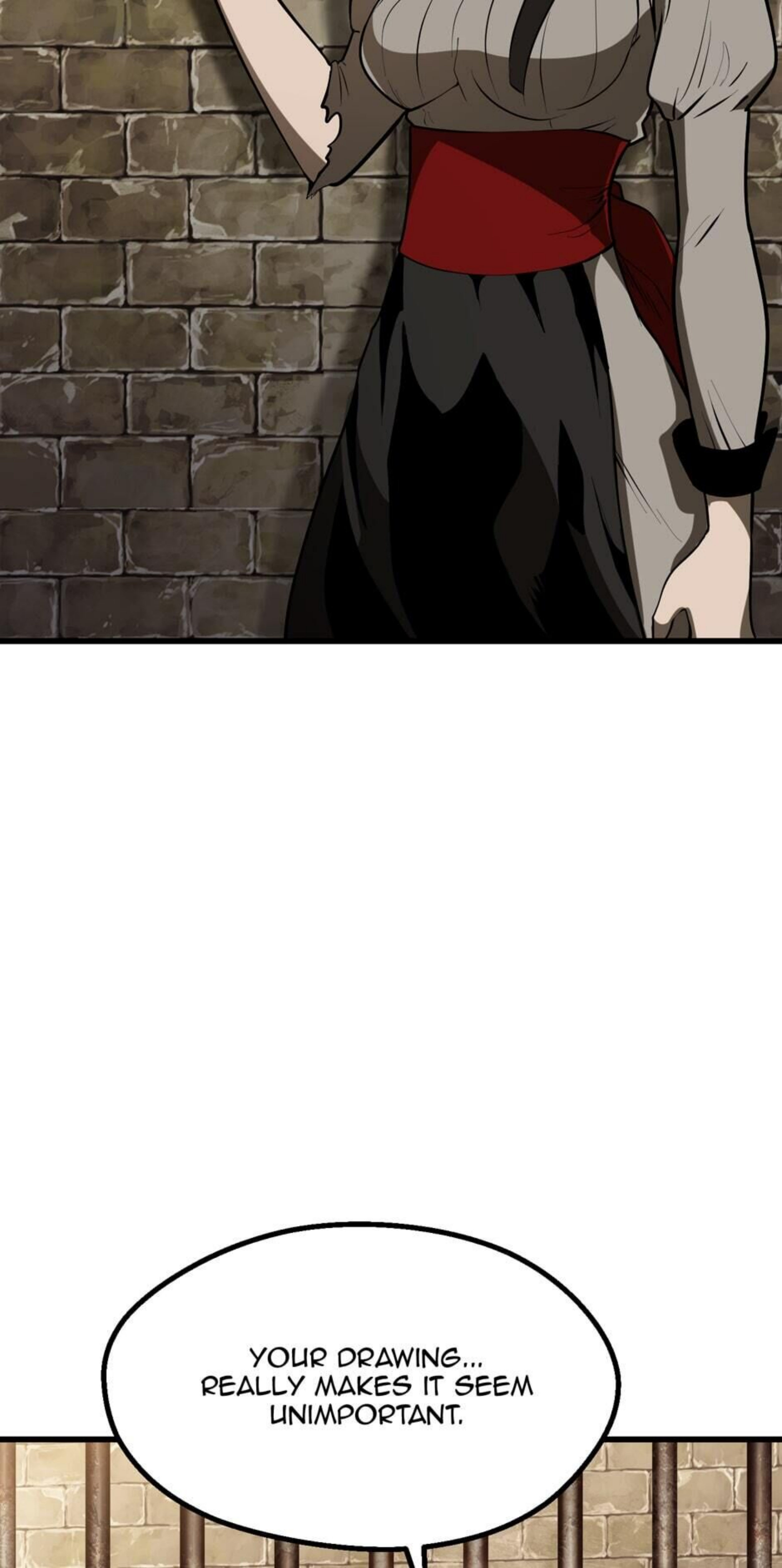
AND RESTORE THE WORLD TREE BACK TO FORM.

THEN THIS CONTROLLING SIGNAL SHOULD DISAPPEAR,

AND THE INFECTED WILL BE HEALED NATURALLY...

THIS IS THE INFORMATION AND STRATEGY RAONDEL LEARNED BY DIRECTLY CONNECTING TO THE WORLD TREE.

WHAT'S WRONG?


YOUR DRAWING...
REALLY MAKES IT SEEM
UNIMPORTANT.

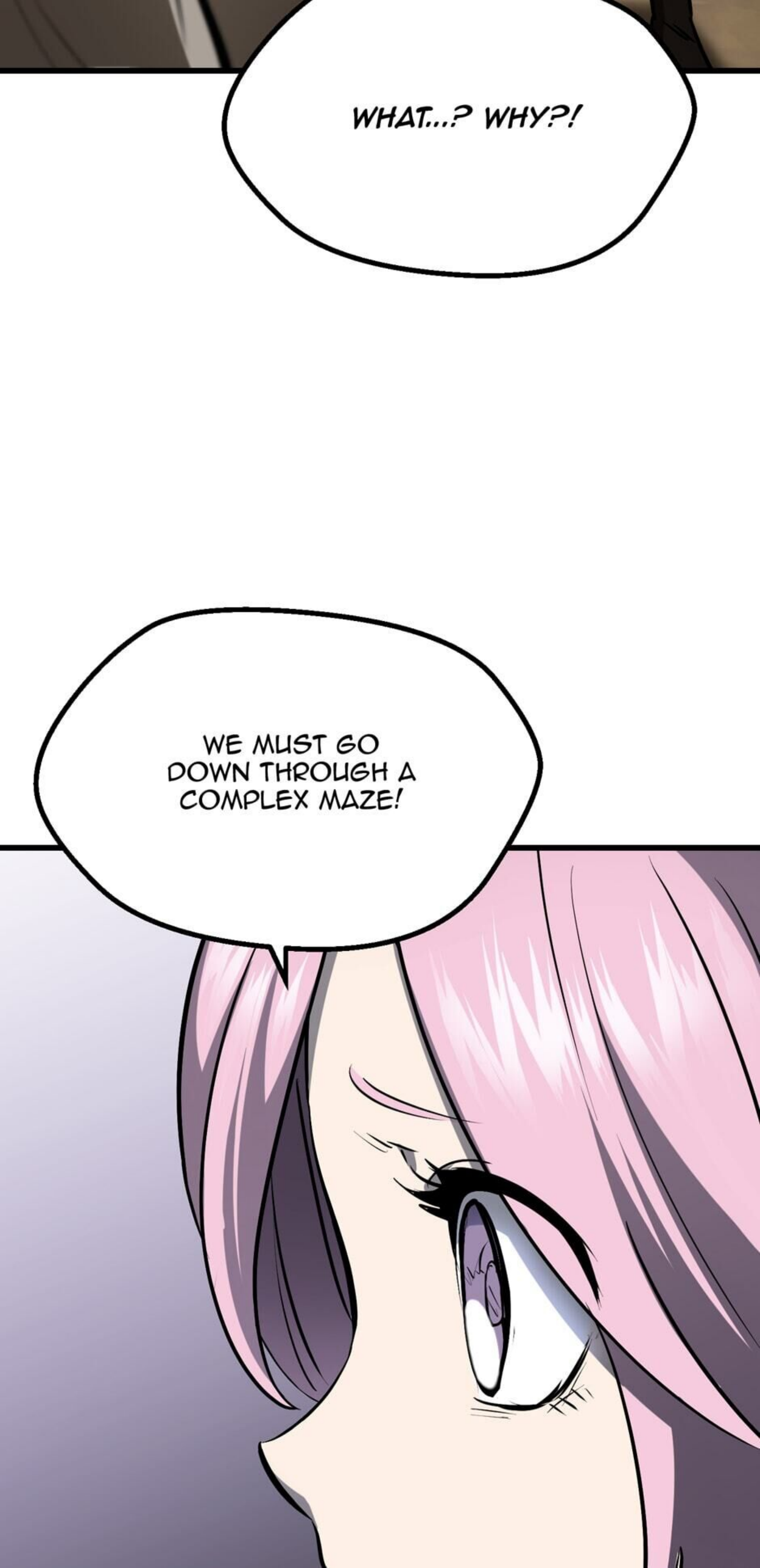
ARE YOU CRITICIZING MY DRAWING WHEN YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A HALF-NAKED CLOWN?

I HAVE NO CHOICE! I DON'T HAVE MY OWN SWORD WITH ME.
THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE MISSING, KIBIER.
SK

I HAVE TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WORLD TREE IN ORDER TO RESTORE IT.
I'LL NEED TO GO WITH YOU GUYS TOO.

SK
IF I'M IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WORLD TREE FROM DEEP DOWN BELOW, I'M POSITIVE THAT—

RAONDEL WILL BE ON STANDBY ON THE GROUND UNTIL THE ENEMY'S DESTROYED.


WHAT...? WHY?!
WE MUST GO DOWN THROUGH A COMPLEX MAZE!

JUST REACHING THERE IS TOO DIFFICULT WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO SENSE THE ENERGY OF THE WORLD TREE.

N-NOT ONLY THAT...!

I CAN ALSO OBSTRUCT THE ENEMIES LIKE I DID TO THE VALTARAN!

...
A-AND I'M FINE WITH THE LITTLE BLOOD SUCKERS!

I CAN FIGHT THEM OFF WITH MY SWORDSMANSHIP—

RAONDEL.
EVER SINCE YOU WERE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WORLD TREE EARLIER...

TAP
...YOU CAN'T SEE FROM THIS EYE, CAN YOU?

WE HAVE ENOUGH BATTLE POWER BETWEEN PELADD AND I.
THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, YOU'LL ONLY—

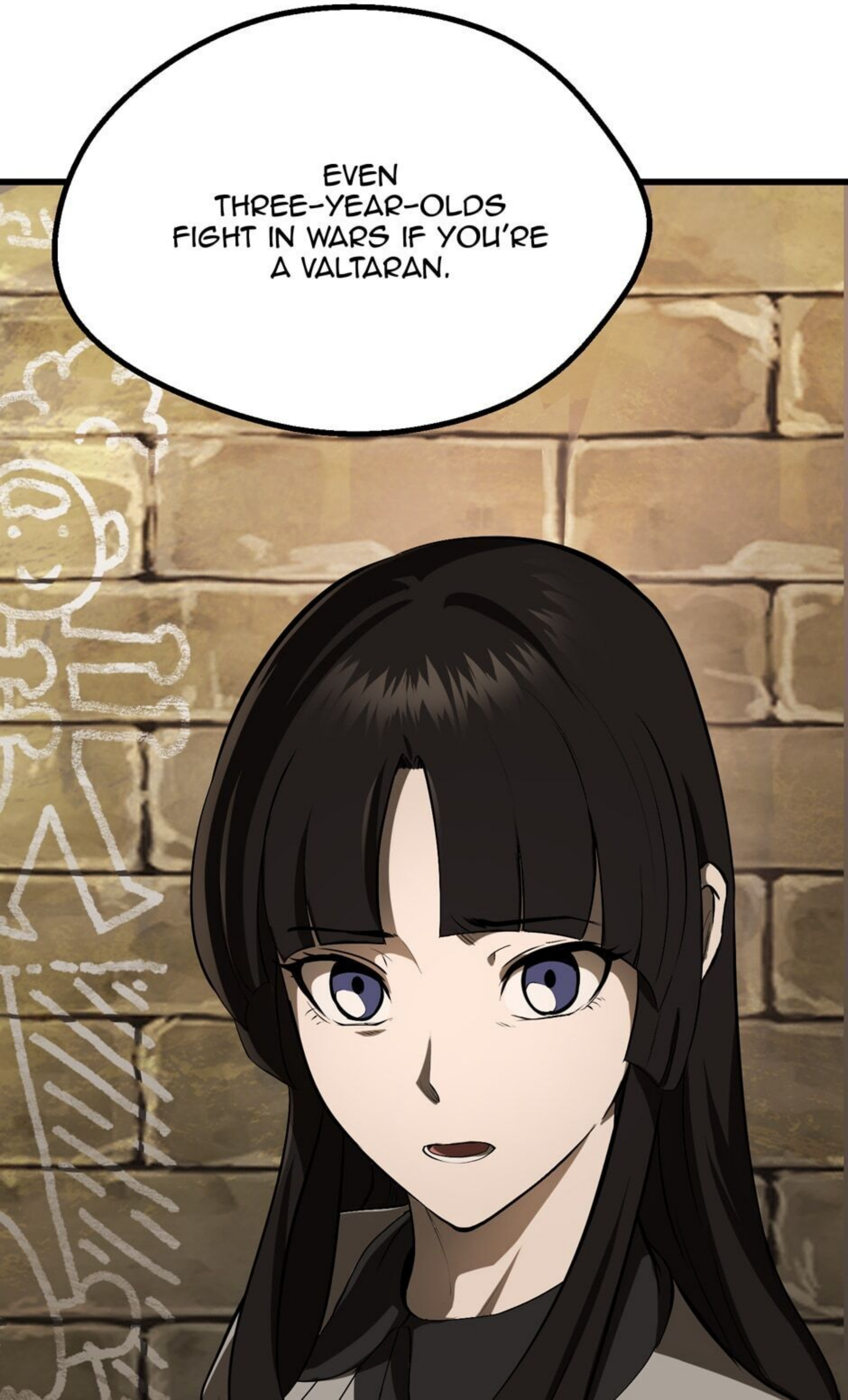
GET IN
THE WA—

FWOOSH

WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

TUP

OH! HE'S THE PERFECT WEIGHT.


EVEN THREE-YEAR-OLDS FIGHT IN WARS IF YOU'RE A VALTARAN.

THAT'S HOW WE TRAIN THEM INTO BEING POWERFUL WARRIORS.
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE LIKE A GPS... I MEAN, YOU CAN FIND OUR WAY DOWN THERE. EXCELLENT!

I CAN PUT YOU DOWN IF THIS SCARES YOU.

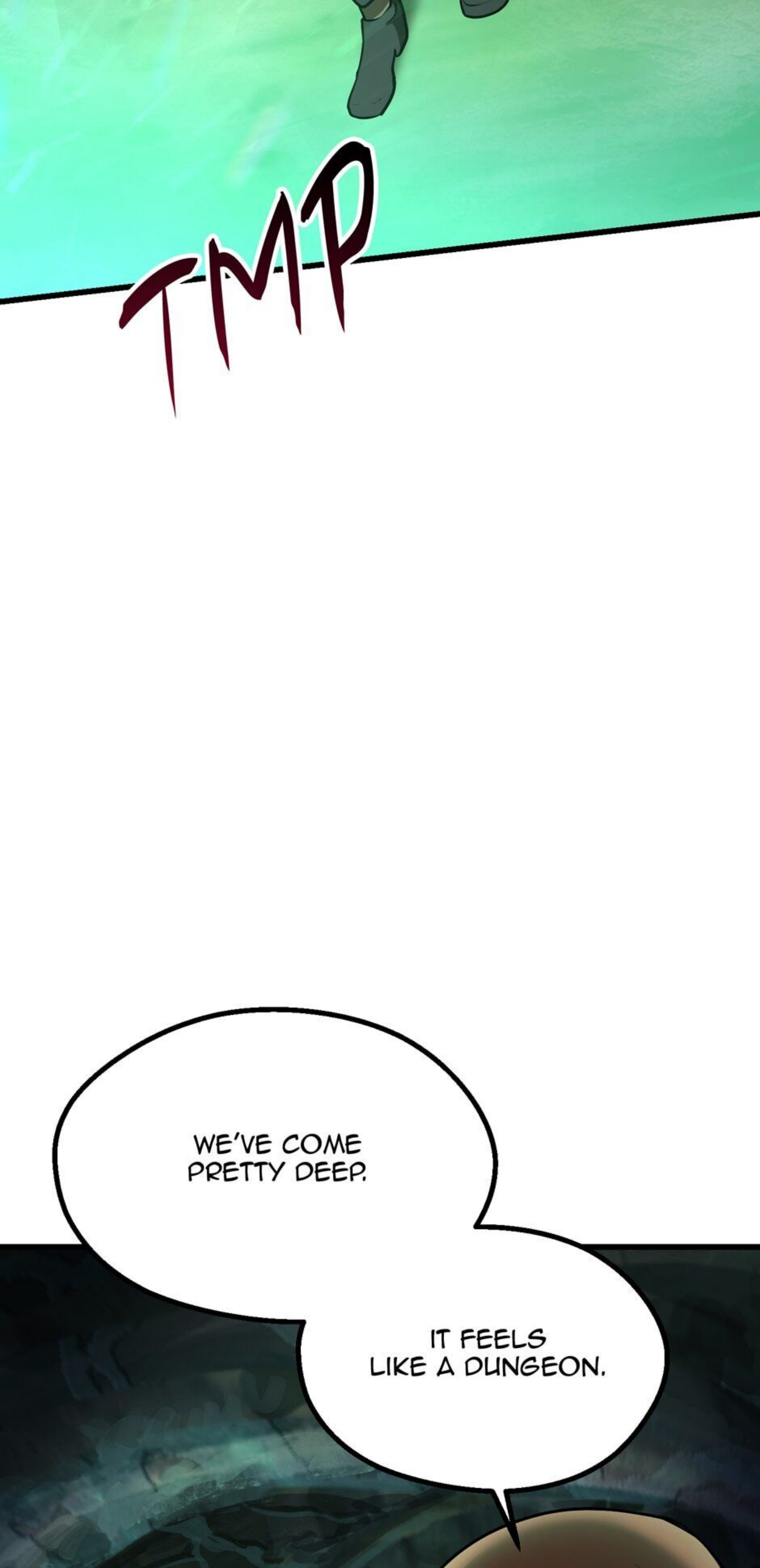
SK
HMPH! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...

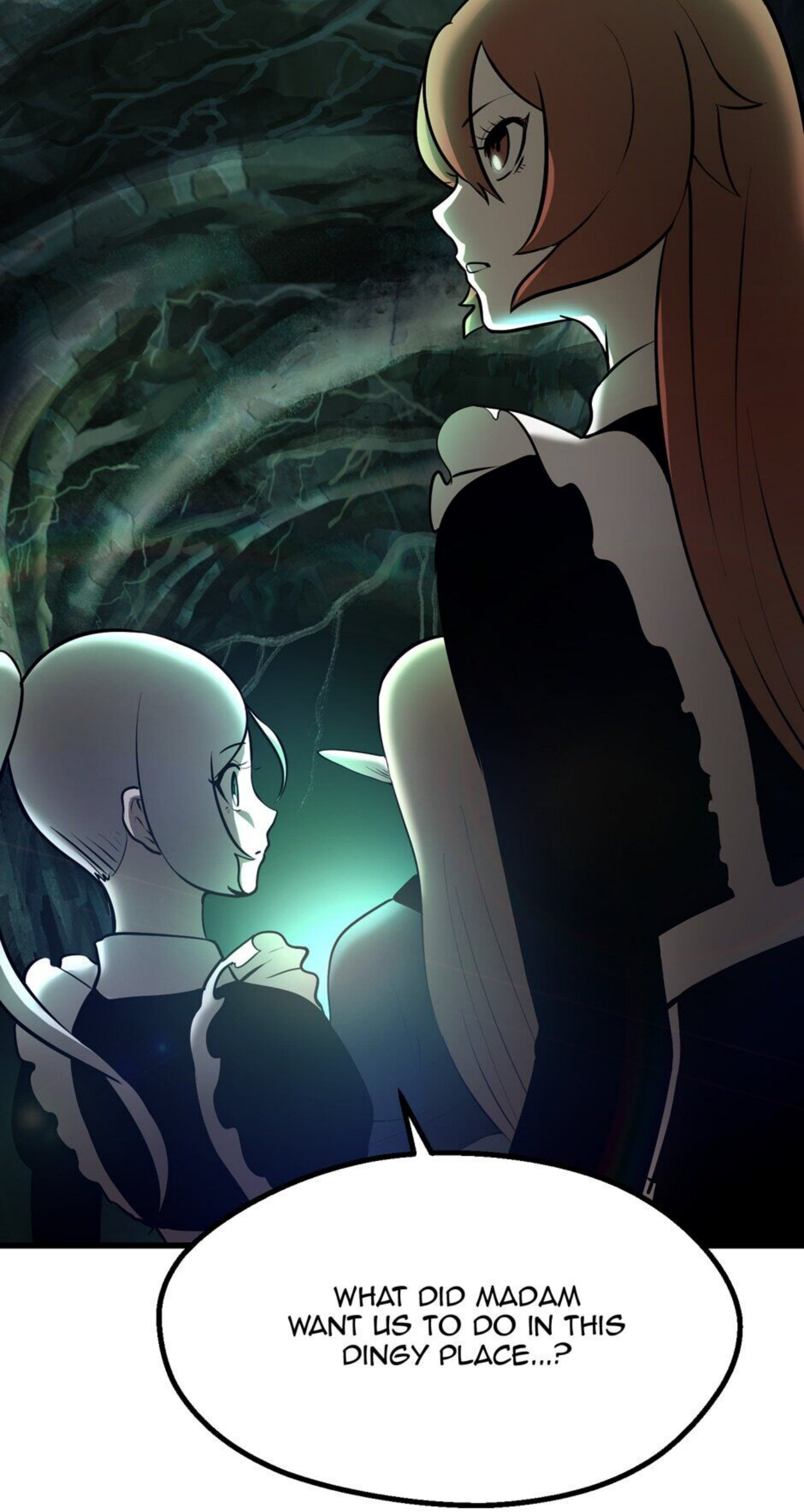
THE KNIGHTS OF RAONDEL! HERE WE GO!!

ГАКА
ГАКА

CLENCH

TMP
TMP


TMP
WE'VE COME PRETTY DEEP.
IT FEELS LIKE A DUNGEON.

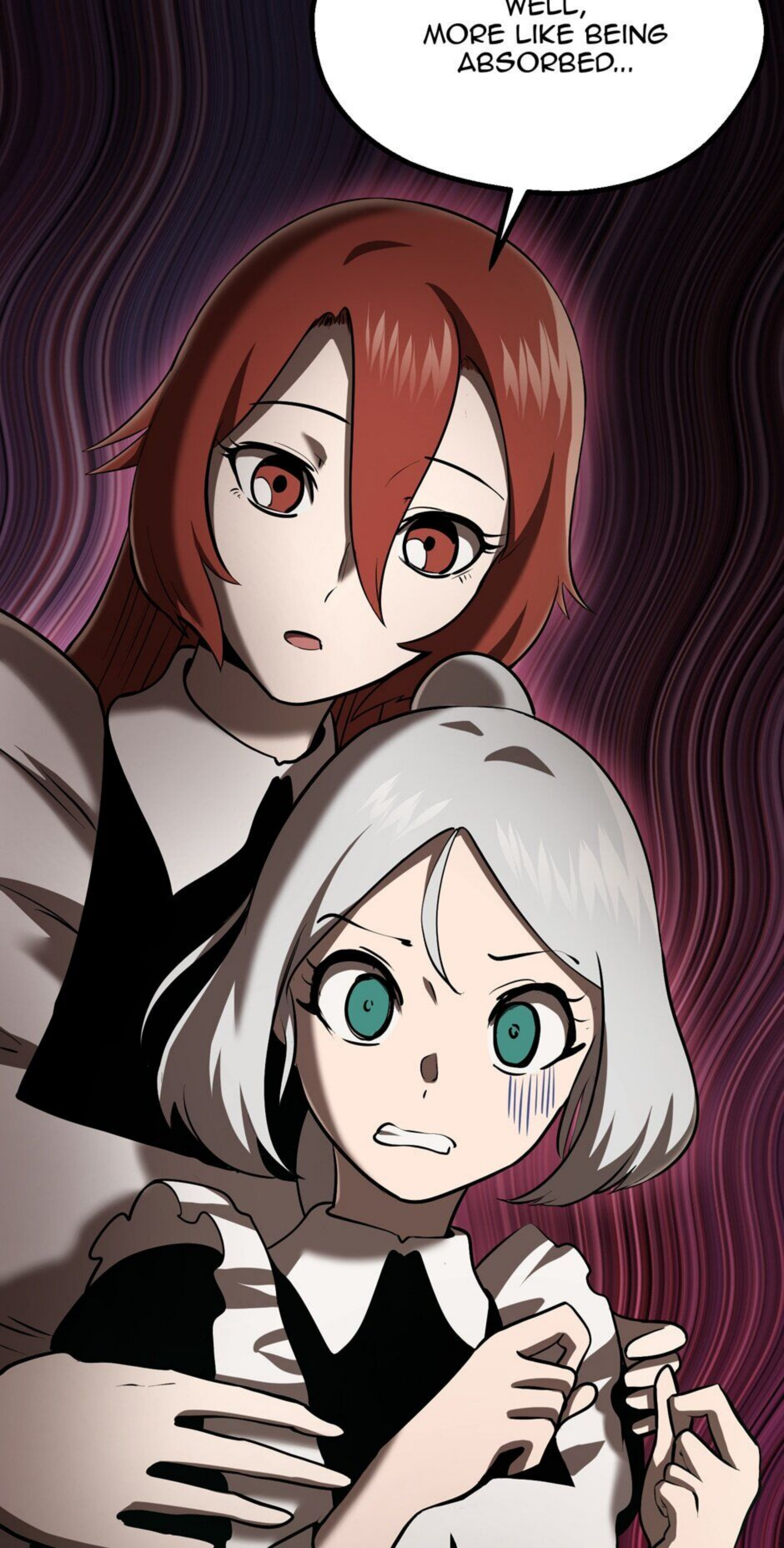

WHAT DID MADAM WANT US TO DO IN THIS DINGY PLACE...?

AHHH!

KYAAA!

IT'S BEING COVERED BY THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS...

WELL


WELL,
MORE LIKE BEING
ABSORBED...

WHAT IS THIS THING?!

ITS ENERGY IS BEING SUCKED UP BY THE WORLD TREE.

BUT THE ROOTS ARE INFECTED, SO THE ENERGY REBOUNDS...

...AND STARTS TO BEAR FRUIT ON THE SIDE ROOTS.

THE HIGHLY CONCENTRATED LIFE FORCE AND ENERGY TURNS INTO RED CRYSTALS

AND BECOME BLOOD STONES.

ALL OF THIS...
WAS MADE FOR HER.

YOU TWO SHOULD GO AND LOOK FOR THE VALTARAN WARRIOR'S SWORD—
I'M GONNA KILL YOU...

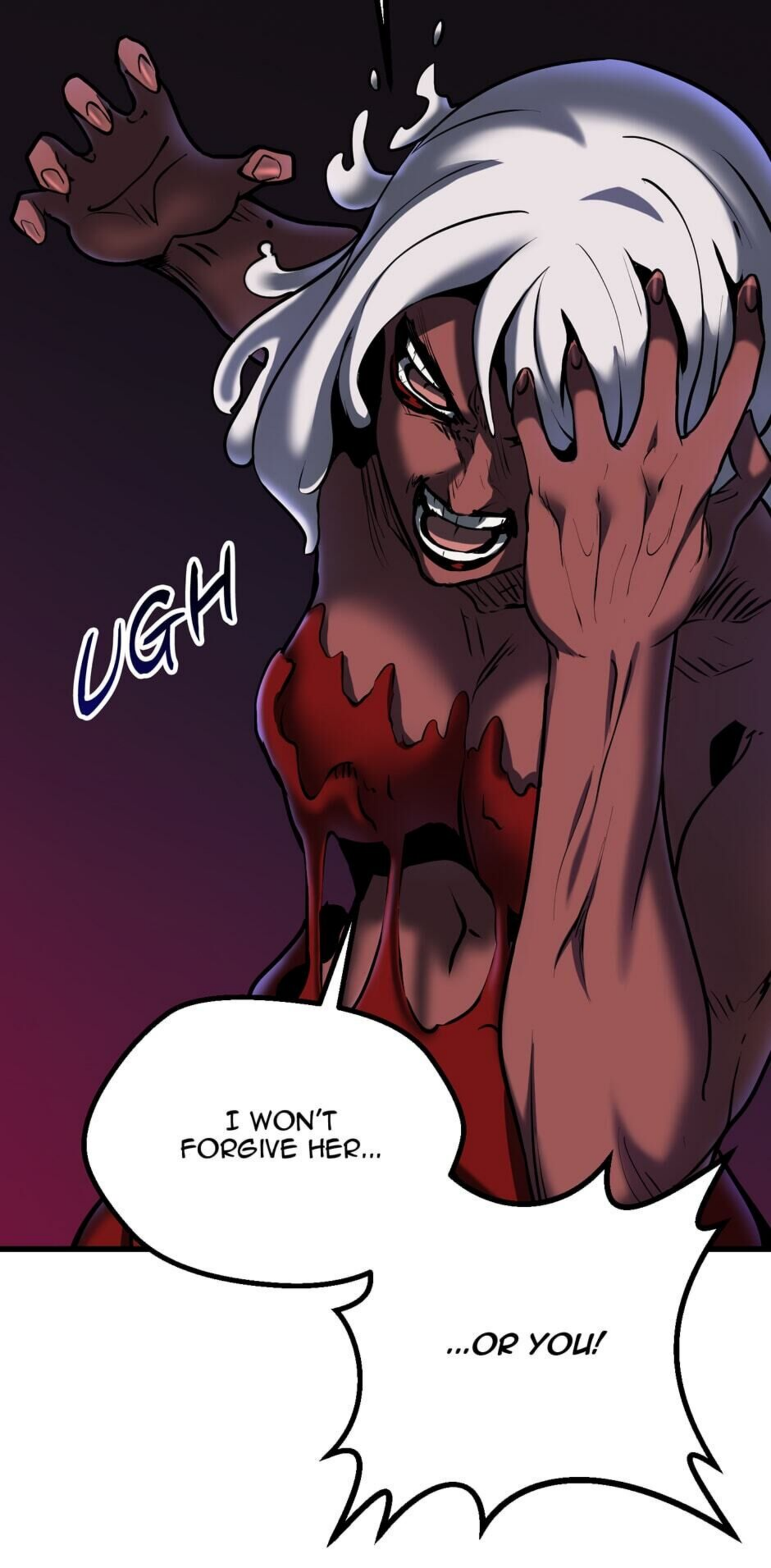
I WAS WILLING TO TAKE YOU IN AS MY FAMILY...

SCHLUK
SCHLUK
...AND YOU TAKE AWAY MY HUSBAND AND CHILD?!
DID KIBIER SUCCEED IN WAKING UP THE VALTARAN?!

BUT THIS IS TOO FAST...
QUEEN. WHAT IS IT?
TAK

YOU KNEW IT ALL ALONG, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU KNEW SHE WAS AWAKE, DIDN'T YOU?!!
WHAT?

I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS!
THUD
STOP LYING!
THAT WOMAN TREATED ME LIKE SOME LOW-LEVEL MONSTER...!


UGH
I WON'T FORGIVE HER...
...OR YOU!

TAK

YOU WON'T FORGIVE US?

THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO INSTEAD?

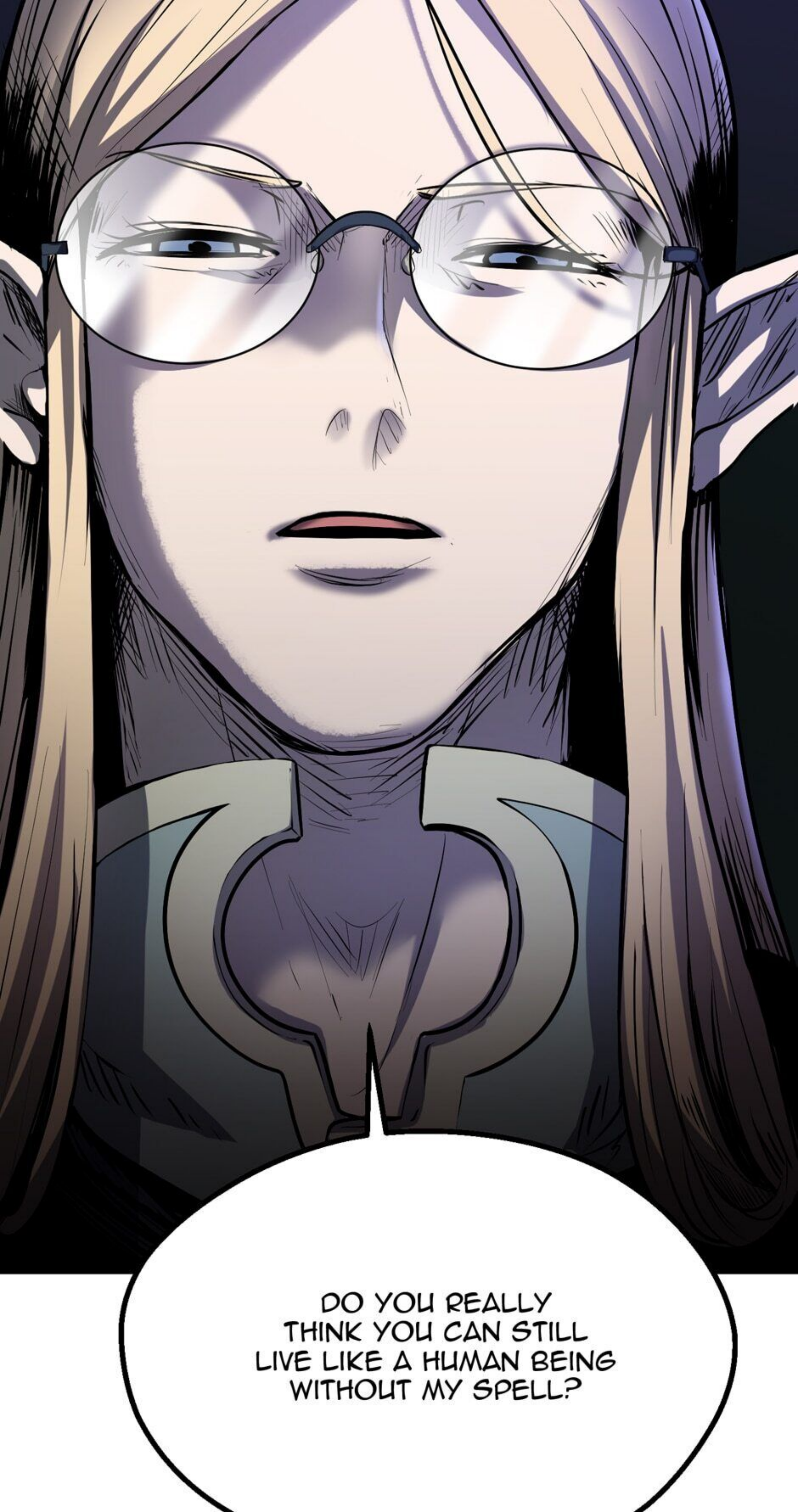
KILL ME?

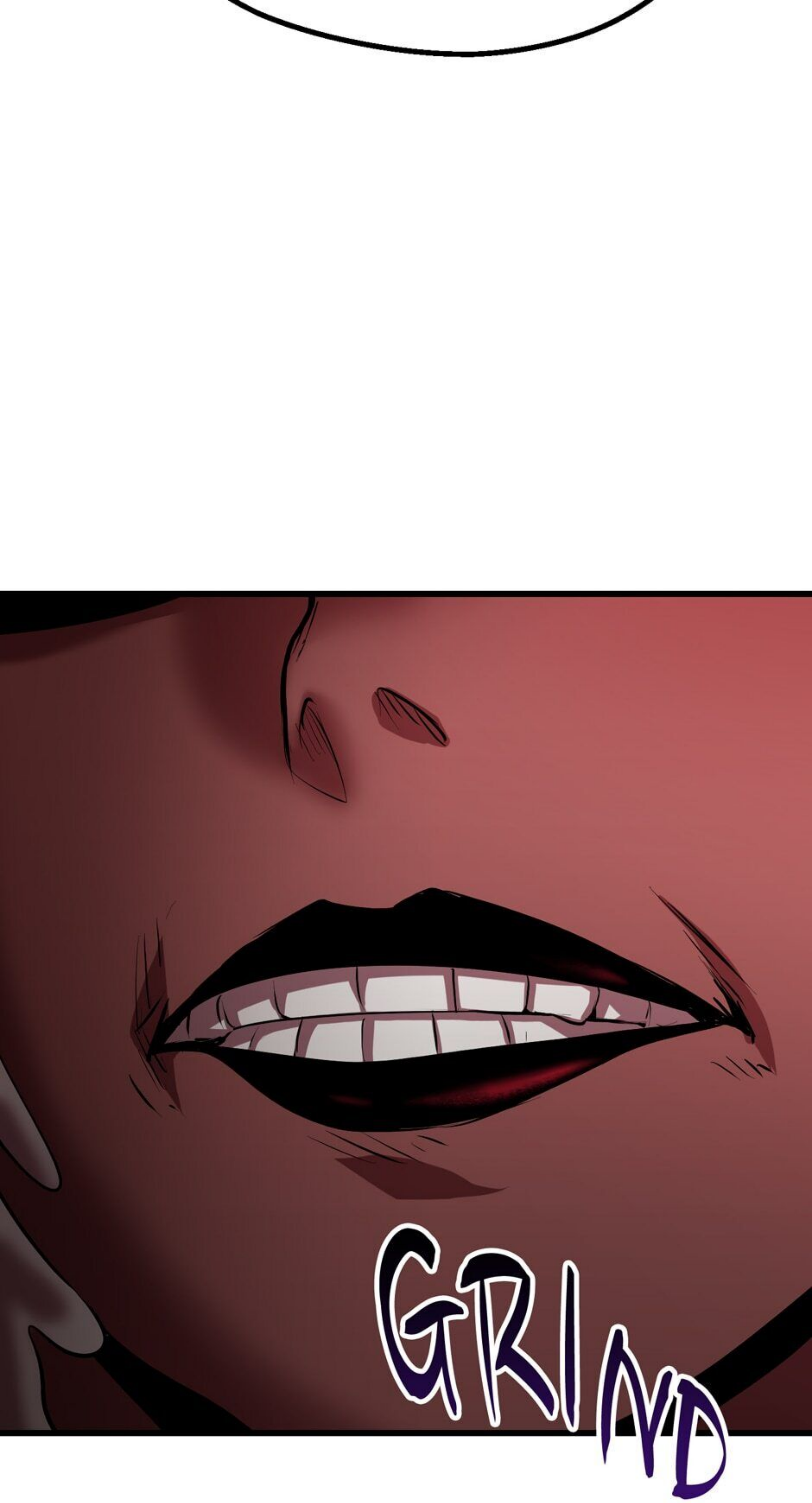
TP
IS THAT IT?

SURE, GO AHEAD AND KILL ME NOW SO WE CAN END THIS BORING PLAY OF YOURS.

AND YOU'LL GO BACK TO BEING A MONSTER WHO CAN'T EVEN CONTROL HER OWN IMPULSE TO MURDER.

ONCE I DIE... THE ***SPELL I PUT ON YOU*** WILL ALSO DISAPPEAR.


DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN STILL LIVE LIKE A HUMAN BEING WITHOUT MY SPELL?


GRIND

TCH...
FORGET IT!

YOU HAVE
NO PLACE TO GO TO
ANYWAY, SINCE YOU'VE
BEEN KICKED OUT OF
YOUR KINGDOM.

FWICK

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN COOKING UP... IT'LL ALL END UP THE SAME.

WHAT WILL DAMAGE US BOTH THE MOST NOW...
TAKA

...IS THIS TOWN'S SECRET LEAKING OUT TO THE WORLD OUTSIDE.

BUT THAT MAN SEEMS TO BE PRETTY LOYAL.

SHWOONG

I'M SURE HE'LL COME STRAIGHT HERE TO FIGHT US INSTEAD OF LEAVING HIS BUDDIES.
I LIKE MY MEN TOUGH AND BOLD...

BUT I'LL MAKE HIM PAY.
HE'S A PLAYBOY WHO LEAVES HIS WIFE AFTER BEING KISSED BY ANOTHER WOMAN ONCE!

RIGHT?

LET'S KILL HIM.
GRIN

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE